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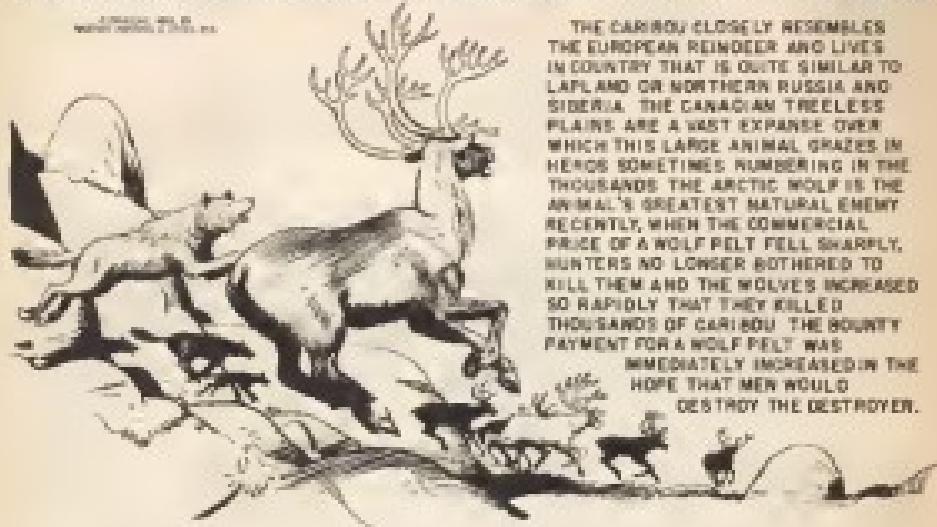
# KING *of the* ROYAL MOUNTED

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# BARREN GROUND CARIBOU

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THE CARIBOU CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE EUROPEAN REINDEER AND LIVES IN COUNTRY THAT IS QUITE SIMILAR TO LAPLAND OR NORTHERN RUSSIA AND SIBERIA. THE CANADIAN TREELESS PLAINS ARE A VAST EXPANSE OVER WHICH THIS LARGE ANIMAL GRAZES IN HERDS SOMETIMES NUMBERING IN THE THOUSANDS. THE ARCTIC WOLF IS THE ANIMAL'S GREATEST NATURAL ENEMY. RECENTLY, WHEN THE COMMERCIAL PRICE OF A WOLF FUR FELL SHARPLY, HUNTERS NO LONGER BOthered TO KILL THEM AND THE WOLVES INCREASED SO RAPIDLY THAT THEY KILLED THOUSANDS OF CARIBOU. THE BOUNTY PAYMENT FOR A WOLF FUR WAS IMMEDIATELY INCREASED IN THE HOPE THAT MEN WOULD DESTROY THE DESTROYER.

THE ESKIMO HAS HUNTED THE CARIBOU FOR CENTURIES. THE HUNTERS ERected STONE PILES, WHICH VAGUELY RESEMBLED A CROUCHING HUNTER, IN LONG LINES THAT GRADUALLY CONVERGED ON A SPOT WHERE THE HUNTERS WAITED WITH SPEARS AND ARROWS. IN AVOIDING THE DUMMIES, THE HERDS WERE LEAD TO THE HUNTERS. CARIBOU HAVE STRANGE FUR --- EACH HAIR IS A HOLLOW TUBE FILLED WITH AIR. THE ANIMAL FLOATS VERY HIGH IN THE WATER. INDIANS AND ESKIMOS HAVE OFTEN TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THIS TO FLOAT THEIR KILLS DOWN RIVERS TO THEIR CAMPS, RIDING ON THE DEAD ANIMALS BACKS.



RIGHT FRONT



TRACKS

RIGHT  
HIND

CARIBOU TRACKS RESEMBLE THOSE OF ANY DEER, BUT ARE SOMEWHAT LARGER. ANIMALS WHO FREQUENTLY TRAVEL OVER SNOW, ALMOST ALWAYS HAVE LARGER FEET THAN OTHER ANIMALS OF THE SAME SIZE AND WEIGHT.

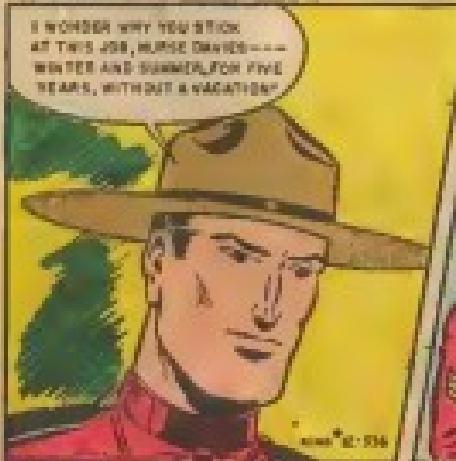
# ZANE GREY'S KING

*of the*  
**ROYAL MOUNTED**  
AND THE TRADER OF  
TWO-FACE MOUNTAIN

HERE COME THE FUR  
BOATS -- WITH MY PATIENTS  
FROM UPIVER, SERGEANT  
BROWN!



NEAR THE WAREHOUSE AT TRADEY  
POAK, KING AND MARY ALICE GAYLES  
WATCH THE YEARLY ARRIVAL OF BOATS  
FROM THE UPIVER WILDERNESS ---  
BRINGING FURS AND ANIMALSKINS  
TO TRADE.



MY HUSBAND WAS A MOUNTIE! HE DIED TRYING TO SAVE LIVES---INDIAN LIVES ---IN THE BIG FIRE UP THERE!"



"MY LITTLE DAUGHTER LUCY WAS LOST IN THE SAME FIRE! THAT MAKES THE SE PEOPLE --- THIS SOIL---BELONG TO ME!"



I UNDERSTAND, ALICEY AND I RESPECT YOU FOR IT! I'LL LEAVE YOU NOW---AND REPORT TO THE INSPECTOR AT THE DETACHMENT'S OFFICE!"

"YOU DON'T DO IN RUSH FOR VACATIONS, EITHER, DO YOU KIDS? CHEERS!"



"AS SOON AS THE BOATS TOWEN THE BRAIN, THEIR ECONOMIES SLIM OUT."

"THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH THEM, THIS YEAR! I'LL EXAMINE THOSE FIRST."



"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOUR LITTLE BOY'S EYES?"

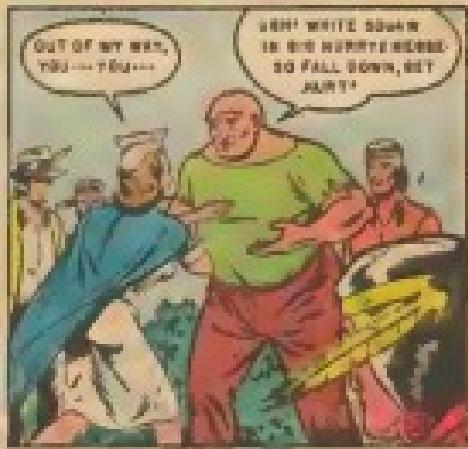
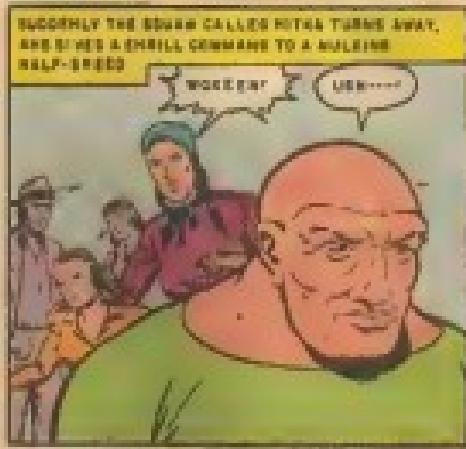
"ALL TIME PERTY! ALL TIME SHUT-EM IN YOU POOT!"



"YES, I'LL 'FIX' IT! A GLASS INFECTION."

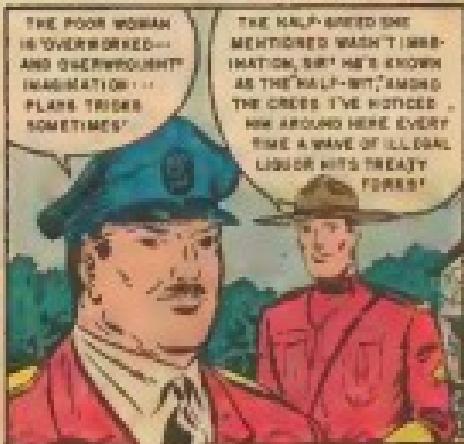
"MEDICINE COULD HELP OTHER PAROSES. LAST YEAR!"







"SO INTENSE IS ALICE DAVIES' LOVE FOR HER SON THAT EVEN THE INSPECTOR JOINS HER RACE TO THE RESCUE!"



ILLEGAL DUGOUT! THERE'S A PROBLEM WE HAVEN'T SOLVED YET, KING! IT COMES FROM UPONER SOMEWHERE. PLEASE COVER THE COUNTRY EVERY SO OFTEN-- NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO SPOT THE STILLS!

BUT YET,  
BUT?

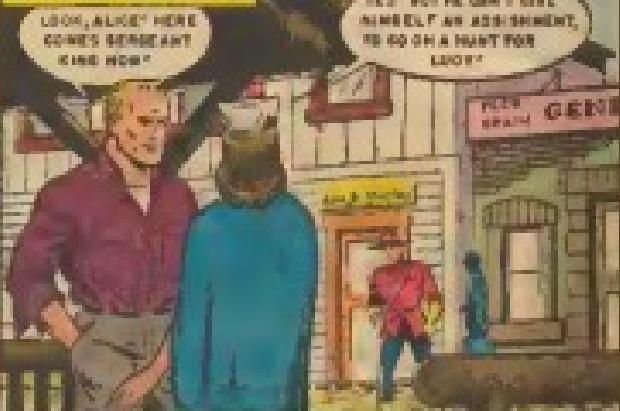
THAT'S YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT, SERGEANT! WELL TRY SPOTTING THEM FROM THE AIR THIS TIME! INFLAME A CIVILIAN PLANE, AND COVER THE COUNTRY UP! EVERY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

YES, SIR!  
THERE'S A  
SILVER PILOT  
TOWN NOW--  
NAME OF TEE  
BARRETT!



SO DO IT AND, BY THE WAY, YOU CAN KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THAT SQUAD AND THE BREED--MEN DAVIDS MENTIONED? THEY MIGHT BEAR SUSPICIONING!

A FEW MINUTES LATER---



HELLO, BARRETT! I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU! IF YOUR PLANE ISN'T QUARTERED FOR A FLIGHT UP THE RIVER!

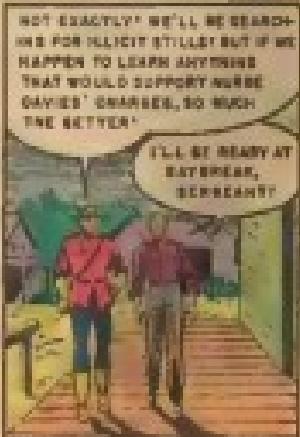
UP THE RIVER? HOW FAR, SERGEANT?

AS FAR AS THE STREAM IS-- MARYSBURG-- IF YOU CAN CARRY FUEL ENOUGH, WANT TO LOOK THE COUNTRY OVER---

FOR A BOAT THAT MIGHT BE CARRYING NURSE DAVIDS' LOST CHILD, SERGEANT?

NOT EXACTLY! WE'LL BE SEARCHING FOR MARYSBURG STILL BUT IF WE HAPPEN TO LEARN ANYTHING THAT WOULD SUPPORT NURSE DAVIDS' CHARGE, SO MUCH THE BETTER!

I'LL BE READY AT DAYBREAK, SERGEANT!



AT DAWN THE NEXT DAY, BARRETT'S PONTOON PLANE TAKES OFF WITH KATE AS PASSENGER



GLUTIE! I'M CARRYING A FULL LOAD OF FUEL, WITH A BIT EXTRA, REPARANTY!



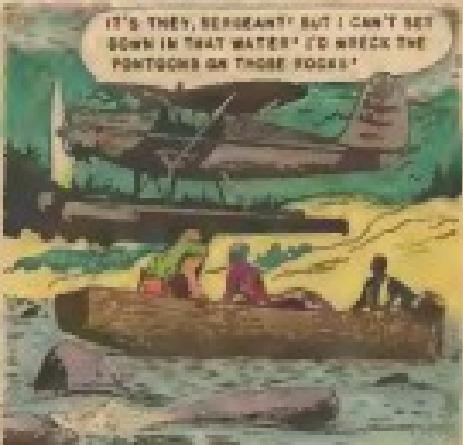
TWO HOURS LATER--

THERE'S A BOAT HEADING UPSTREAM --- WITH AN OUTBOARD MOTOR! THREE DOCUMENTS! IT'S LIKE A GINGER LOOK...

SO WOULD, SUR LEADS? HERE WE GO



IT'S THEM, REPARANTY! BUT I CAN'T SET DOWN IN THAT WATER! TO WRECK THE PONTOONS ON THOSE ROCKS!



THE BABY LOOKS LIKE THE "HALF-MIT" --- BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE CHILD! FLY ON, BARRETT!

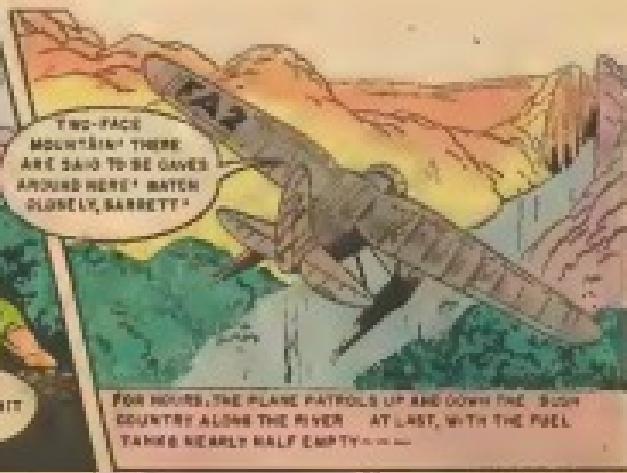


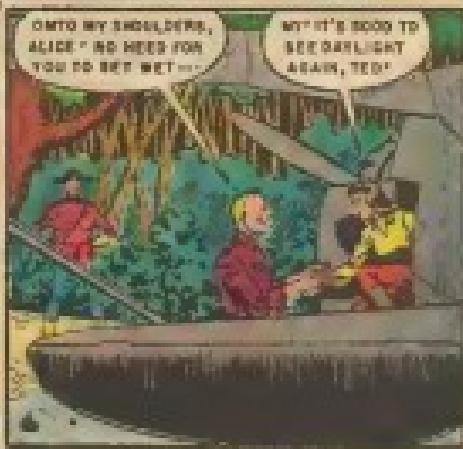
BUT IN THE BOAT BELOW ---

THE BIRD MACHINE HAS PASSED! CAN I COME OUT NOW, MOTHER?

RRRRRRRR







I DON'T BE A BOTHER...  
I PROMISE YOU!...  
AND I KNOW AN IRISH  
COUPLE, TOM AND BONIE  
TUBERIN, WHOSE LIVES  
I DARE SAYED FROM AN  
EPIDEMIC! THEY LIVE  
NEAR THIS LAKE...  
AND THEY'LL TELL ME  
ANYTHING THEY KNOW!

BOBBY! WE'LL LOOK  
THEM UP ---  
TONIGHT!

AT DUSK, THE PLANE'S RUBBER BOAT ROWS  
SLOWLY TOWARD THE LAKE'S TREE-  
DIMMED SHORE.

DON'T WORRY! WE'RE SURPRISED  
TO FIND TOM, AT HIS  
FISHERMAN'S

SHACK,

DOWN THE LAKE'S HARBOR OUTLET, WHERE  
ONLY THE WILD CREATURES DESERVE ITS PACES.

A KNOCK AT THE CABIN DOOR BRINGS BOBBY  
OUTSIDE ---

"TOM! YOU REMEMBER  
ME --- CORPORAL  
CHARLES' WIFE ---  
BONIE?"

"YOU'RE  
DAVID'S COMIN'!  
COME IN!"

LITTLE WHITE  
MOTHER! IT HAS  
BEEN SO LONG!"

"--- AND A HEARTY WELCOME!"

TOM—SUEDE—THIS IS BUCKBEAR KING---AND  
TED BARRETT! WE HAVE COME ON A DOUBLE SPYARD  
TO FIND MY LITTLE GIRL WHO DID  
NOT DIE IN THE BIG FIRE---



—A RE TO ARREST THOSE  
WHO ARE HAVING ILLEGAL  
BIMBY INSIDE TWO-PAGE  
MOUNTAIN? YOU COULD  
HELP OR HINDER IN THIS  
MATTER, TOM TUESDWIN!  
BUT I HOPE YOU WILL  
HELP!



THE SUEDE BUCK  
SHOULD SUPPORT--  
THEN WE TALK!

THANKS, TOM! WE  
ARE ALL HALF  
STARVED!

MOOSE STEAK OR COW'S  
CURE, PLENTY MORE--  
PLENTY BRIGHT, TOO!

MRS. TUESDWIN,  
YOU'RE THE  
BEST COOK I  
KNEW!

YOU  
HAVEN'T  
EATEN MY  
COOKING  
YET, TED!



NOW TOM TUESDWIN TALKED ONE YEAR BACK, WITH  
CRITTER AND SUEDE AND SUE, PAPOOSE, CAME BACK  
UPRIVER--SET UP WITH TRADER AT TWO-PAGE  
MOUNTAIN! HE'S NO SEE-IN SINCE BIG FIRE.



TOM! DID YOU NOTICE THAT THE  
LITTLE GIRL LOOKED LIKE ME?  
I SAW HER WITH SUEPA AT  
TREATY FORKERS?



SING, PAPoose GOT YOUR FACE,  
LITTLE WHITE MOTHER CAME  
AND I THREW KID'S PAPoose OUT  
IN FIRE! KID'S STEAL LUCK...  
AND PUT LUCK'S CLOTHES ON  
DEAD PAPoose!



TRADER MAN, NAME LEGGOLIVE AT TWO-FACE  
MOUNTAIN. HAVE STONE BUILT IN CAVE. HAVE  
TOUGH MEN---WHITE AND CAKE. BUY FURE  
AND PLENTY CHARCOAL---

CHARCOAL?  
WHAT FOR?  
AND WHERE  
DOES HE  
GET IT?



TOM AND SUEIE MAKE CHARCOAL.  
—MANY INDIANS DO'NT SELL TO  
LEGO. WEBB FOR ELECTRIC  
POWER. LEGO NOT ELECTRIC  
LIGHT. WEBB MAKE WHISKEY,  
TOO! TOM NOT KNOW.

HMMMM!  
PERHAPS I  
COULD SELL  
HIM SOME  
CHARCOAL,  
TOO!



Nearly Twenty-Four Hours Later—



IN THE DUSK OF EVENING, TED BARRETT, TOM TUR-  
WIR, AND A STRANGE COUPLE LEAVE THE CABIN  
IN THE CLEARING.

YOU LOOK ENOUGH LIKE  
ONE TO FOOL INDIAN—  
IN DARK BUT YOU STILL  
DON'T MOUNTIE WALK,  
SENSEANT!

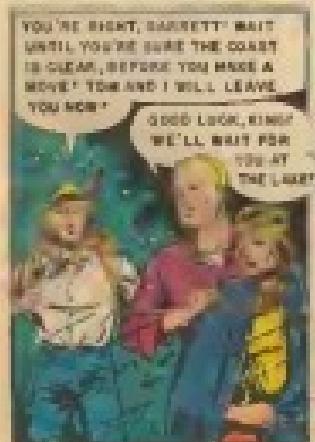
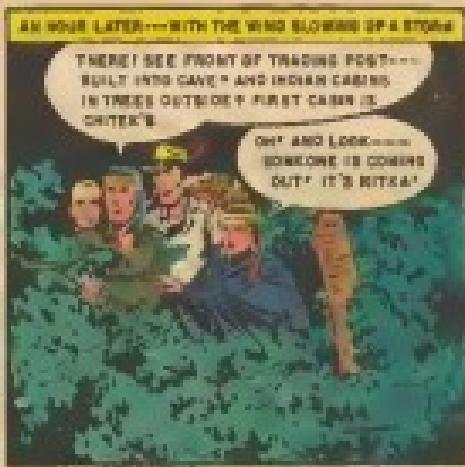
I'LL CHARGE THAT, TOM---THANKS!  
BUT I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO THANK  
SUEIE ENOUGH FOR CUTTING OFF  
HER BRAIDS FOR MY DISGUISE.



SOMETIMES WE WENT HARD,  
KIND--- JUST A LITTLE BROWN  
BARK STAIN ON MY SKIN----  
AND A CAVE,  
RAINFOOD, PLUS  
SOME CLOTHES  
OF SUEIE'S.



YOU'LL FIND  
SUEIE--- BUT I  
WISH YOU'D  
BEAT AT TRENTON  
FORKS!



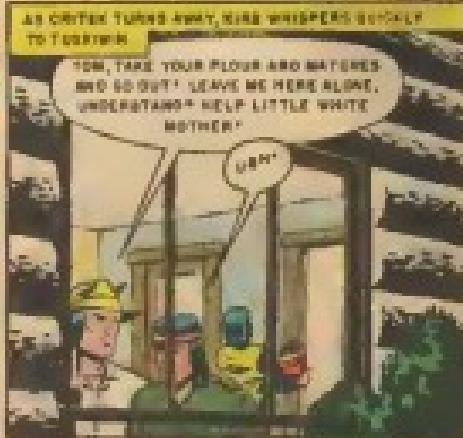
CITRON WORK FOR LEZVO  
...WILL REOPEN HOUSE  
FOR US" TO ONE FROM  
OUTSIDE RET' POST  
TRADING POST COUNTER.

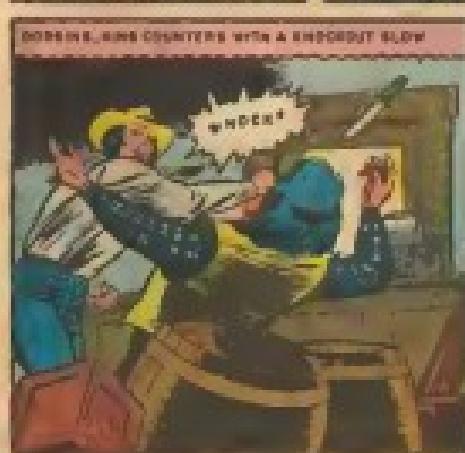
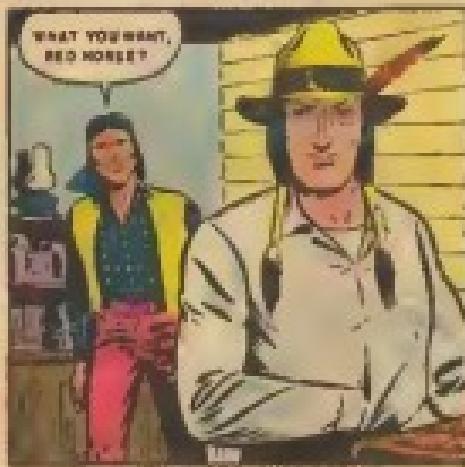
I SEE! LEZVO HAS  
BUILT LIVES QUARTERS  
BEHIND HIS STORE ---  
INTO THE CAVE IT'S  
LIKE A LOOK AT THEM

AS TOM AND KIDS  
ENTER...

"HEY! TOM TU SAWIN!  
YOU COME LATE?  
WHO WITH YOU?"

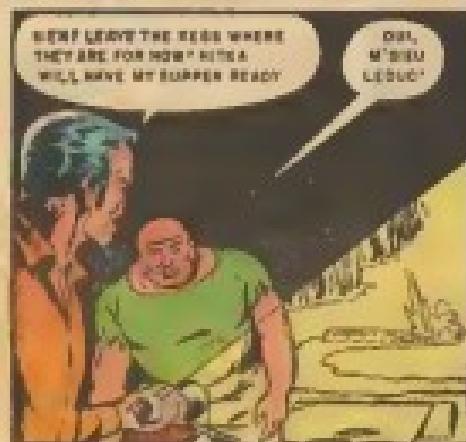
FRIENDS NAME RED  
HORSE HELP ME  
BRING CHARCOAL!











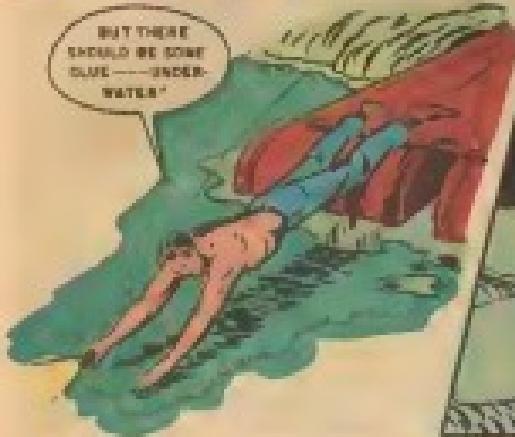
I'D BLOWN TO HAVE A LOOK  
AROUND THIS LAKE  
BEFORE THEY CAN  
COME BACK...



MOONSHINE LIQUOR BROUGHT IN A SUBMERIBLE  
CARBO BOAT---FROM WHERE? NO ONE WHO HADN'T  
SEEN THE THING MOVE WOULD BE ABLE TO BELIEVE



BUT THERE  
SHOULD BE SOME  
BLUES --- UNDER-  
WATER!



THE LEVER THAT WORKS THE WATER-PROOFED  
ELECTRIC SWITCH IT WOULD PROBABLY  
BRING THE SUBMERIBLE BACK --- BUT IT  
MIGHT GIVE LIEUTENANT A WARNING  
OF SOME KIND.

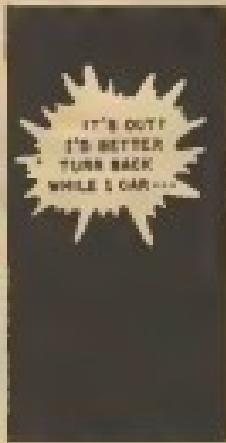
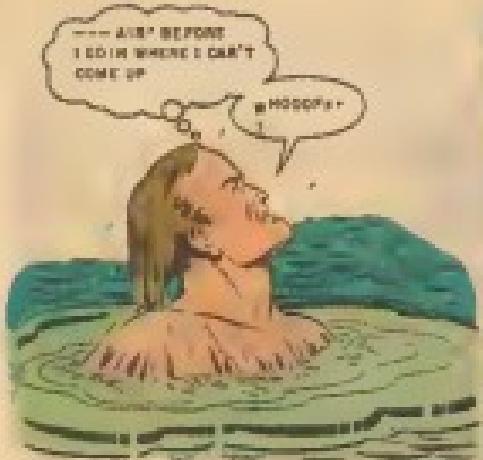


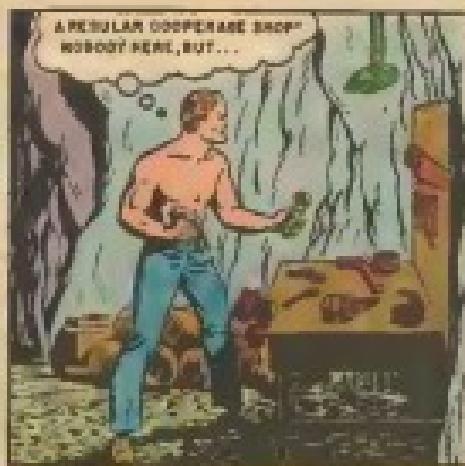
THAT'S WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR ---  
A TRAVELING CABLE! THAT'S WHAT  
MOVED THE SUBMERIBLE BOAT!

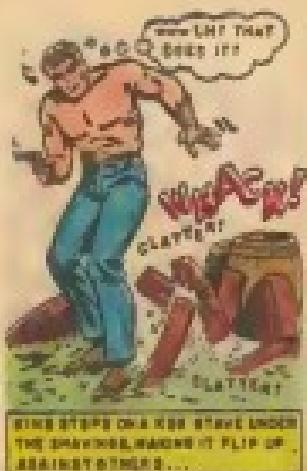


AN UNDERWATER  
TUNNEL? IT'S  
BETTER COME  
UP FOR







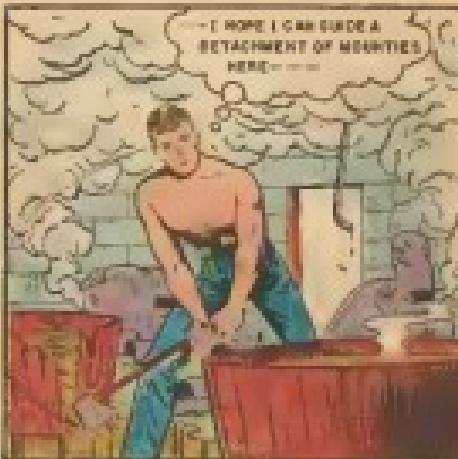




BEFORE LEGUE CAN  
BUILD MORE OF  
THESE....



-I HOPE I CAN GUIDE A  
DETACHMENT OF MOUNTIES  
HERE--



HOW'S WHAT A STENCH THAT  
MOONSHINE WASH MAKES?  
HOW FOR LEGUE'S DARK  
BOAT--



ONE HOOD HOLE WILL MAKE  
THIS DRAFT USELESS  
FOR A WHILE--

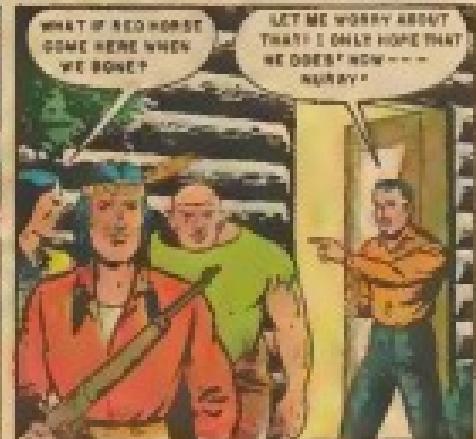
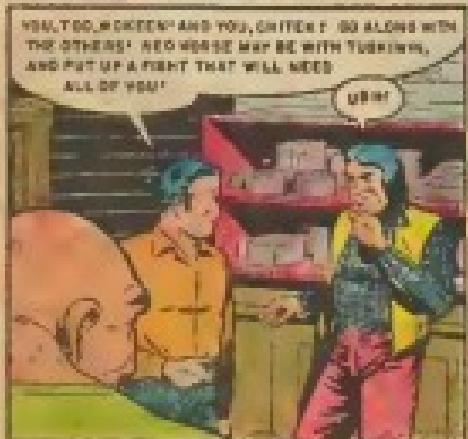
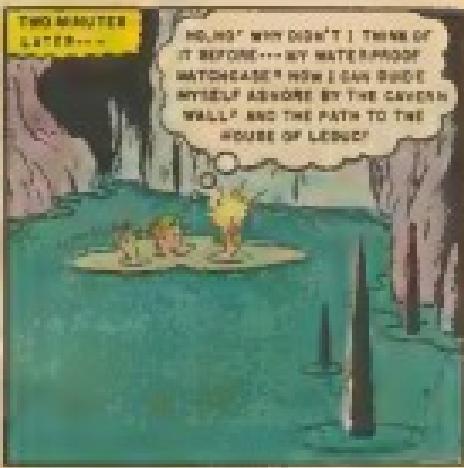


MY NEXT JOB IS GETTING OUT  
OF TWO-FREE MOUNTAIN ALIVE.  
PERHAPS I WON'T BE SO  
SUCCESSFUL, AT THAT!



NO FLASHLIGHT  
TO SHOW ME





STUPID BUSHWHACKER! I'LL HAVE TO TAKE BETTER PRECAUTIONS! THAT LARGEHORNED "RED HORSE" COULD HAVE DONE TREASURE MY HOUSE--- INSTEAD OF JUST ROBBING MY TILL---

THAT IS JUST WHAT I OUGHTONCE PUT YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOU--- AND DON'T MAKE A SOUNDIF YOUREVALUE YOUR SKIN!

SHHH---I  
WHO ARE  
YOU?



I AM ONE OF THE MEN OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED! AND I ARREST YOU FOR THE OPERATION OF AN UNLAWFUL DISTILLERY!

YOU FOUND THOSE KEGS? BUT THAT CHARGE IS SIMPLY "POSSESSION" OF LIQUOR WITHOUT A LICENSE...



I FOUND YOUR DISTILLERY, TOO--- AND WRECKED IT! NO MORE TALK, BOY! YOUR HOUSEKEEPER MIGHT LOOK IN.

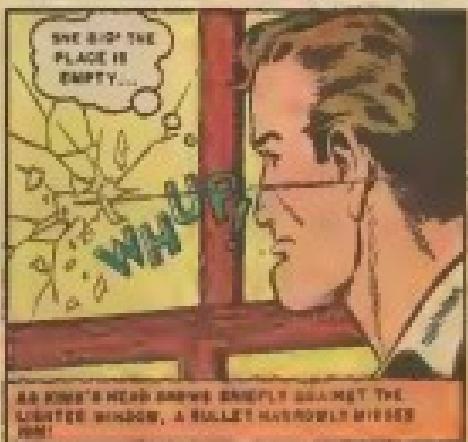


WALK AWAY OF ME--- SILENTLY!



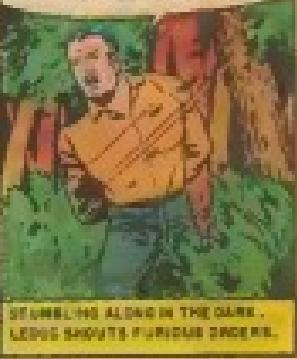
OUTSIDE, LEAVE STYLERS, AND FALL ON HIS FACE... BEFORE KING CAN STOP HIM.





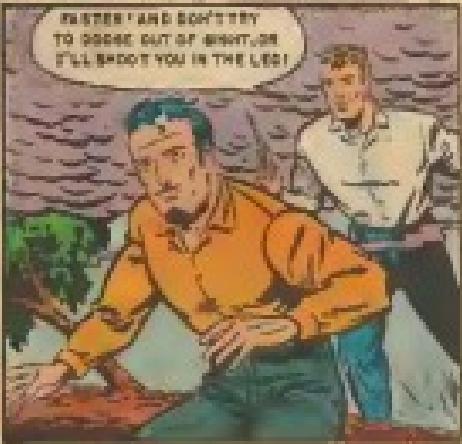
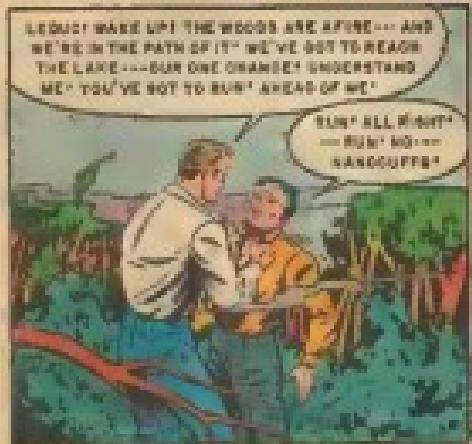


HE'S HEADED FOR TOM TURENIN'S  
—BUT YOU CAN'T TRAP HIM IN  
THE WIND AND DAREMEST SET  
FIRE TO THE HOUSE, YOU FOOL!  
THE FIRE WILL OUTRUN HIM!



LKE A WIND-SLOWN SHADOW, SERGEANT KEND LOOKS BEHIND THE TRADER, HIS SKILLED FINGERS PROBING FOR A PARALYZER. THE "DUO" SHIP,



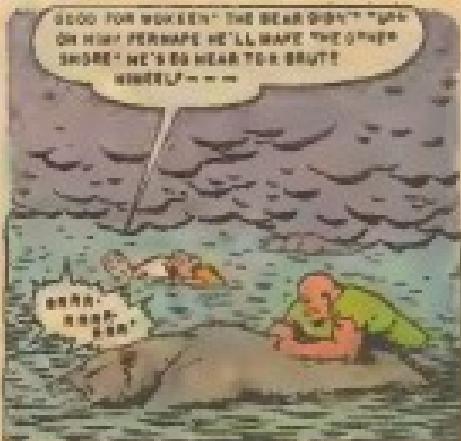
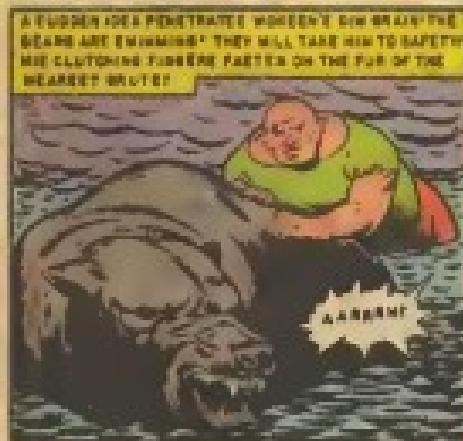


AS THE FIRELIGHT BECAME MORE BRIGHTER, KING PUSHED THE PADDLE AND DANCED BACK. HE SAW A BRISTLESOME, APE-LIKE FIGURE SWINGING FROM TREE TOP TO TREE TOP BEHIND HIM!



NOW, WITH-SOME FLAMING TREES AND SCRAPS OF BARK APPEAR. THE HEAT HEAT OF THE FLAMES CAN BE FELT---





THROUGH THE PUFFY SMOKE LOOMS THE GYM SHAPE  
OF A CRUSHED RUBBER BOAT.

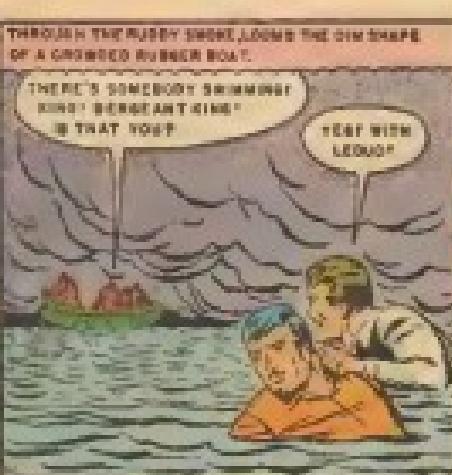
THERE'S SOMEBODY SWIMMING  
DOWN HERE AT THIS TIME!  
IS THAT YOU?

TEST WITH  
LEOUD?

BOYS! WE'D  
ABOUT GIVEN UP  
HOPE FOR YOU!

YOU'RE  
NOT LEONARD,  
BUD?

YES---BUT  
WHAT ABOUT  
OUR LITTLE  
GIRL, ALICE?

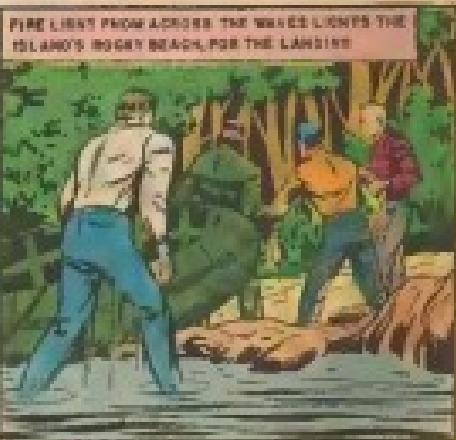
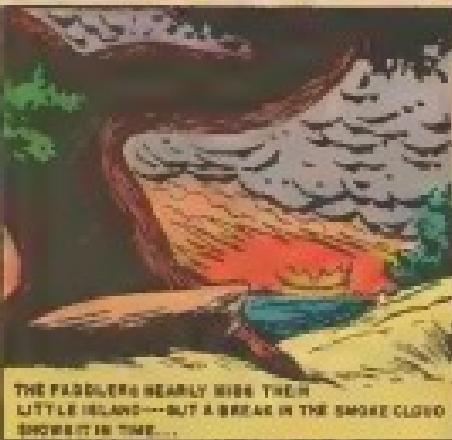


SHE'S HERE, TOO--MY OWN LADY!  
SHE'S FORGOTTEN ALL BUT A FEW  
ENGLISH WORDS, AFTER FIVE  
YEARS--BUT SHE REMEMBERS  
ME! AND WAS SO ANXIOUS TO  
COME WITH ME! SHE NEVER LOVED  
THAT GUARDIAN, WHO  
STOLE HER!

BOYS! THERE'S NO ROOM  
IN THE BOAT FOR  
MORE! BUT TOM  
TUMBLE AND I  
WILL SWIM, SO  
YOU AND LEOUD  
CAN RIDE.

NO,  
BARNETT!  
THANKS  
FOR  
OFFERING  
BUT--

---YOU'LL NEED STRONG PADDLING  
TO GET US ALL TO THE PLANE.  
LEOUD IS NO USE, AND I'M  
NEARLY BLOWN. THROW ME A  
LONER ROPE, AND TOW US!





GARRETT, I'M SURE YOU  
DESERVE ALL THE GOOD  
LUCK YOU'VE GOT--  
AND I'M VERY GLAD  
YOU MADE IT!

THANKS,  
SERGEANT!

THE THANKS ARE DUE TO YOU---AND ESPECIALLY  
NURSE DAVIDS---FOR THE WAY MY JOB TURNED OUT!  
IF I HADN'T MET TOM TURKINUM, I'D PROBABLY  
STILL BE GUESsing AT THE SECRET OF  
TWO-FACE MOUNTAIN NOW.  
I KNOW IT ALL!

SELL US, KING!  
WE'VE GOT TO  
GET RID OF  
OUR IDIOT!"



ALL RIGHT! I'LL TELL YOU ALL  
ABOUT IT! AND THEN WE'D  
BETTER GET SOME SLEEP.



GARRETT WILL LAND THE WOMAN  
AND LITTLE LUCY AT TREATY  
FORKS, AND BE BACK HERE  
FOR US BEFORE MOON! I  
IMAGINE THE ONLY ONE WHO  
WILL BE BERRY IR LEESO'

NEXT MORNING, JUST AFTER SUNRISE

WELL, TOM TURKINUM---THEM  
DOES YOUR MAMIE OR HER  
FIRST AIRPLANE RIDE?

LUCY FIRST---  
BUT NOT LAST!



NOT SO MORE  
TRADE AT TWO-  
FACE MOUNTAIN?  
PLENTY WORK,  
MAKING BIG BUCKS  
LITTLE!

EIGHT! AND HE'LL HAVE THE REST OF HIS BANG  
FOR COMPANY AS SOON AS I GET BACK HERE  
WITH A COUPLE OF MEN FROM THE  
DETACHMENT! AND THEN I'LL REPORT  
THIS GATE CLOSED!

